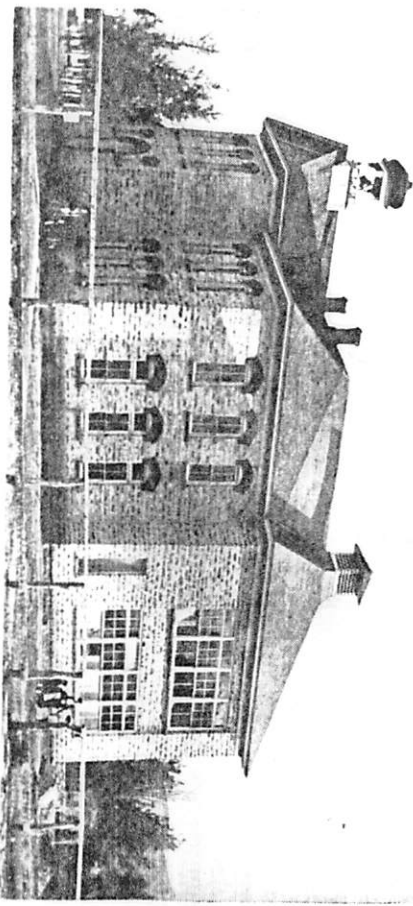
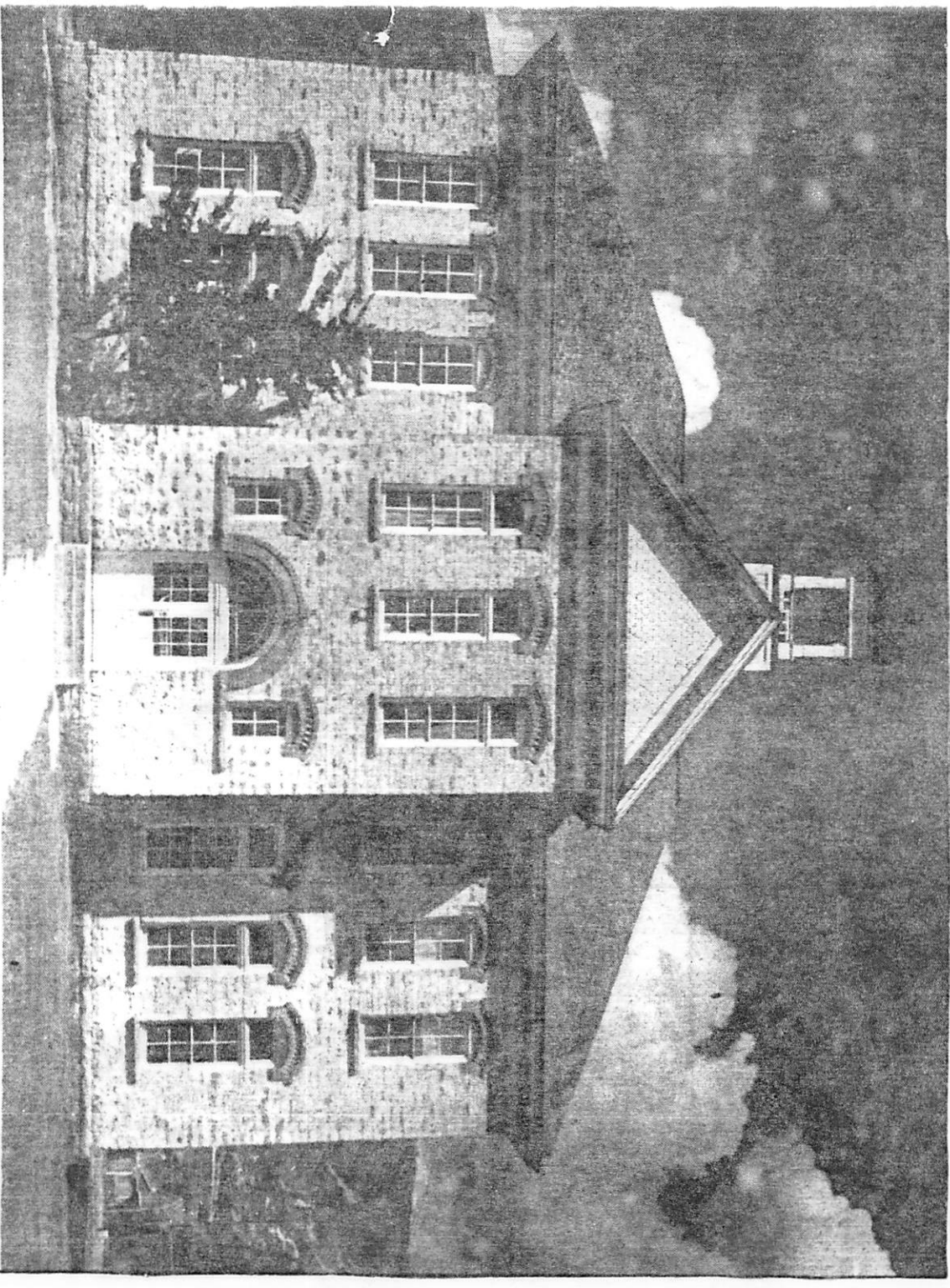


HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS



The Midway School, constructed of native rock in 1912 and still in use today.



Farewell to the old school

The old Midway School now stands with its classrooms and bell tower empty. Its students and bell have moved to the new building.

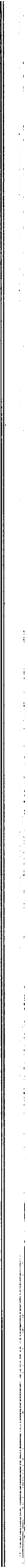
The pot rock building was completed in 1912.

The fate of the old building is still undecided. School district business official John Robert Hicken said the school district will sell

it soon. Hicken said the district wants to keep the ownership "within the community."

He said the city of Midway is interested in buying, but a price has not been set.

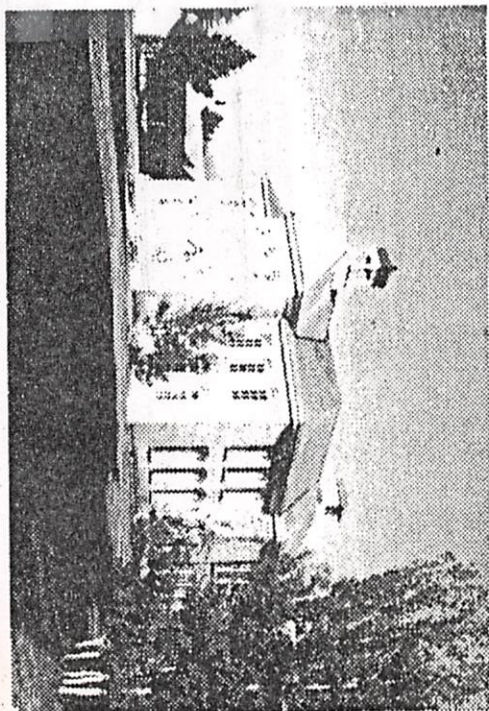
Hicken said the school district would like to sell the historic school before winter sets in.



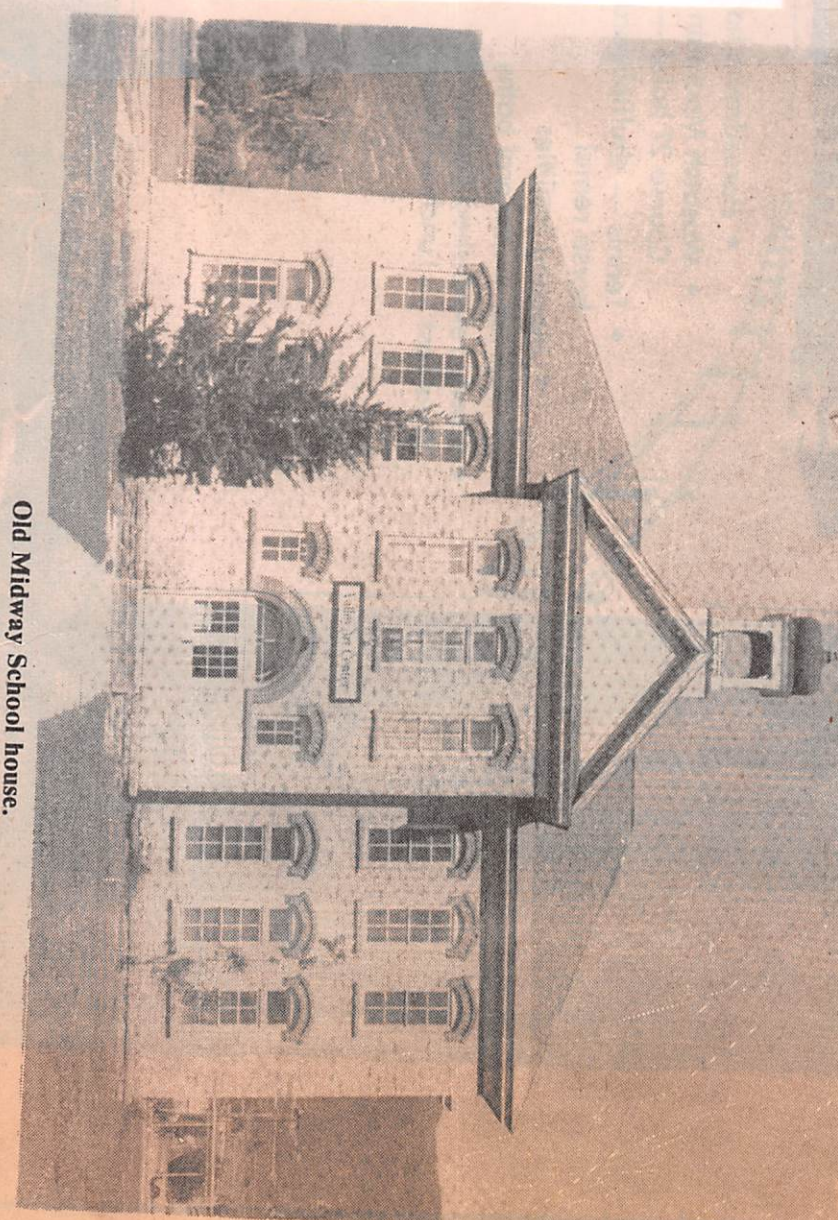
Midway Schools Past and Present

As in all Utah communities, Midway, education was and is very important to the people of

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*Midway School
1912-1975*



Old Midway School house.

Schools (Continued)

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The first school was on First South and Main Street and doubled as a recreation hall. It was called Van Wagoner's Hall. Later, another school was built on the corner where the town hall is now located. This was a two story building with two rooms upstairs, two rooms downstairs, and a stairway on the outside of the building. There were eight grades; four upstairs and four downstairs. A third school house was built, and still stands, on the town square, but is no longer in use. It was constructed mainly of native pot rock, with a bell tower similar to the ones in Switzerland.

The bell originally was rung everyday at the beginning of class. Later it was rung by John Boss Jr., only on holidays and all town celebrations and funerals. In the last few years that this school was used, the bell was rung at the beginning and at the end of the school year. The outstanding citizen (boys only) were given the honor of ringing the bell at the end of the year.

The bell was removed from the

old school and is now found in Elementary School which is now the marquee at the new Midway six years old.